

## Interactive 9-1-1 Simulator

The Safe Kids Kansas in cooperation with the KDHE Y-FIRE (Youth Firesafety Intervention, Resources and Education) Program is making available an Interactive 9-1-1 Simulator for use by local community groups. A grant from Safe Kids Worldwide and the United States Fire Administration provided the money to purchase the simulator.

The simulator allows children to practice calling 9-1-1, it also helps teach them about the importance of 9-1-1 and the dangers of misusing it. Simulator operators can verify that a child has memorized his or her name and address. The simulator can be used in a classroom setting or at health fairs, fire department open houses and other public safety events. Easy operation and a short training video allow an instructor with a minimal background and education in emergency services to effectively conduct a 9-1-1 safety lesson.

A microprocessor with voice storage technology re-creates the interactive dialogue that a child would encounter during an emergency call. To serve the growing Hispanic population in Kansas, the model purchased by Safe Kids Kansas also operates in Spanish. As the child calls on the attached phone, a large LED display shows the numbers. A hand control is used to play the recorded responses a child would hear from an actual 9-1-1 emergency operator.

In December of 2001, two boys from Hoyt, Kan., used the training they received at the fire department's open house to summon aid for their father who needed emergency medical assistance. To share your success stories contact Elena Nuss at [enuss@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:enuss@kdhe.state.ks.us) or 785-296-3403.

The Interactive 9-1-1 Simulator will be available for use by Local Safe Kids Coalitions and Chapters, Fire Departments, EMS Providers, Law Enforcement Agencies and other community groups throughout the state. To reserve the simulator please follow the instructions on the reverse side and fax your signed agreement attention Elena Nuss, Y-FIRE Program to 785-296-8645.

